

Verifying Triangle Congruence

Show that the triangles are congruent for the given value of the variable.

A $\triangle UVW \cong \triangle YXZ$, $x = 3$

$$ZY = x - 1$$

$$= 3 - 1 = 2$$

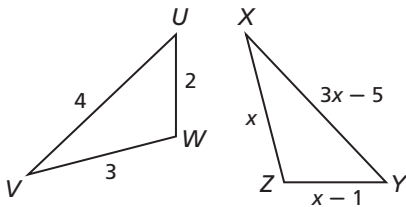
$$XZ = x = 3$$

$$XY = 3x - 5$$

$$= 3(3) - 5 = 4$$

$$\overline{UV} \cong \overline{YX}, \overline{VW} \cong \overline{XZ}, \text{ and } \overline{UW} \cong \overline{YZ}.$$

So $\triangle UVW \cong \triangle YXZ$ by SSS.



B $\triangle DEF \cong \triangle JGH$, $y = 7$

$$JG = 2y + 1$$

$$= 2(7) + 1$$

$$= 15$$

$$GH = y^2 - 4y + 3$$

$$= (7)^2 - 4(7) + 3$$

$$= 24$$

$$m\angle G = 12y + 42$$

$$= 12(7) + 42$$

$$= 126^\circ$$

$$\overline{DE} \cong \overline{JG}, \overline{EF} \cong \overline{GH}, \text{ and } \angle E \cong \angle G.$$

So $\triangle DEF \cong \triangle JGH$ by SAS.

